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Parks & Demonstration Permits

"The City of Saint Paul is committed to accommodating as many people as logistically possible while ensuring a safe and enjoyable convention for residents and visitors. Hosting a national event of this magnitude takes a lot of coordination from many city departments and outside groups."

-Saint Paul Marketing Director, Erin Dady

"Hosting the Republican National Convention gives us an incredible opportunity to showcase the city's world-class parks system to visitors from around the globe. Park space will be in high demand, and we want to make sure that everyone has equal opportunity to access our parks and enjoy themselves during this exciting event."

-Director of Saint Paul Parks & Recreation, Bob Bierscheid

For additional information on any of the permits listed below, please contact the issuing department or the hosting organization. The details available here may be subject to change. Information regarding permit applications is available at the bottom of this page.

Permits Issued: Parks & Recreation

Start Date	End Date	Start Time	End Time	Type of Event	Name of Event	Organization Name	Location
8/27/2008	9/5/2008	TBD	TBD	Media	NBC & MSNBC	NBC & MSNBC	Rice Park
8/31/2008	9/2/2008	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Purpose Gathering	N/A	Ben Plunkett	Ecolab Plaza
8/31/2008	9/4/2008	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Display	Jumbotron Screen	True Blue Minnesota	John Ireland Triangle Park
8/30/2008	9/4/2008	8:00 a.m.	TBD	Bike Rentals	Bikes Belong	Bikes Belong	Mounds, Upper Landing and Crosby Parks
9/1/2008	9/1/2008	10:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Public Purpose Gathering	N/A	Women Against Military Madness	Ecolab Plaza
9/1/2008	9/1/2008	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Purpose Gathering	N/A	Families United for Our Troops and Their Mission	John Ireland Triangle Park
9/1/2008	9/1/2008	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Purpose Gathering	N/A	Ben Plunkett	Mears Park
9/1/2008	9/1/2008	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Purpose Gathering	Harriet Island Labor Day Event	SEIU	Harriet Island
9/1/2008	9/4/2008	7:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	Public Purpose	Public Viewing Area	Public Viewing Area	Cleveland Circle
9/1/2008	9/4/2008	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Purpose	Open Forum	Public Viewing Area	Cleveland Circle
9/1/2008	9/4/2008	12:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Public Purpose	N/A	McNally Smith Street Musicians	Ecolab Plaza
9/2/2008	9/2/2008	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Purpose Gathering	N/A	Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign	Mears Park
9/2/2008	9/4/2008	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Display	Jumbotron Screen	True Blue Minnesota	Harriet Island East Lot
9/3/2008	9/3/2008	8:00 a.m	8:00 p.m.	Public Purpose	N/A	Ben Plunkett	Ecolab Plaza
9/4/2008	9/4/2008	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Purpose Gathering	Peace Island Picnic	Colleen and Ross Rowley	Harriet Island
9/4/2008	9/4/2008	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Public Purpose	N/A	Ben Plunkett	Ecolab Plaza

Permits Issued: Capitol Grounds

Start Date	End Date	Start Time	End Time	Type of Event	Name of Event	Organization Name	Location
8/27/2008	8/27/2008	ТВА	TBA	Public	America's Future	America's Future	State Capitol
8/30/2008	8/30/2008	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Protest / Rally	MN Tea Party & Hempfest	Norml Minnesota (Grassroots Party)	State Capitol - Cass Gilbert Park
8/30/2008	8/30/2008	TBD	TBD	Public	Save the Trails	Save the Trails	State Capitol
8/31/2008	8/31/2008	8:00 AM	4:00 PM	Public	Girl on Horseback		Capitol - So. Steps - Aurora
8/31/2008	8/31/2008	10:00 AM	2:0 0 PM	Public Purpose / March Gathering	Vets for Peace	IVERS FOR PEACE	Capitol - Upper Mall
8/31/2008	8/31/2008	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Public Purpose	Welcome Home Ceremony	oneGirloneRide	State Capitol

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8/31/2008	8/31/2008	1:30 AM	4:00 PM	Press Conference	What Women Want	MN Women's Consortium	Capitol - Women's Suffrage Garden
8/31/2008	8/31/2008	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	March Gathering	Women Suffrage Garden	Women Suffrage Garden	State Capitol
8/31/2008	8/31/2008	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	March Gathering	No Division of Jerusalem	Shalom International	State Capitol - Upper Mall
9/1/2008	9/1/2008	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Public Purpose / Rally	Iraq Veterans Against the War	Iraq Veterans Against the War	State Capitol - Lower Mall
9/1/2008	9/1/2008	8:00 AM	8:00 PM	Protest / Rally / March Gathering	Anti War Coalition	Anti War Committee	State Capitol - Upper & Lower Malls
9/1/2008	9/1/2008	8:00 AM	11:00 AM	March Gathering	Women for Peace	Code Pink	State Capitol - Cass Gilbert Park
9/2/2008	9/2/2008	7:00 AM	12:00 AM	Concert / Public Event	Ripple Effect	Live with Substance	Capitol Mall - Upper & Lower Malls
9/2/2008	9/2/2008	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	Gathering / Exhibit	Eyes Wide Open	American Friends Service Committee	State Capitol - Lower Mall - Aurora Street
9/2/2008	9/2/2008	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Protest / Rally	Lead America	Lead America	State Capitol - South Steps
9/2/2008	9/2/2008	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	March Gathering	Somali Union	Somali Union	State Capitol - Upper Mall
9/3/2008	9/3/2008	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Public Purpose / March Gathering	Scholars for 911 Truth	Scholars for 911 Truth	State Capitol
9/3/2008	9/3/2008	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	March Gathering	HillaryNow	HillaryNow	State Capitol - Upper Mall
9/3/2008	9/3/2008	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Public Purpose	Taxpayer Rally	American Prosperity	State Capitol - Upper Mall
9/3/2008	9/3/2008	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	Protest / Rally	Genocide Intervention	Genocide Intervention Network	State Capitol - Upper Mall
9/4/2008	9/4/2008	9:00 AM	7:00 PM	Protest / Rally	Welfare Rights Poor People Summit	Poor Peoples Summit	State Capitol - Upper Mall
9/4/2008	9/4/2008	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	March Gathering	Youth Against War & Racism	Youth Against War & Racism	State Capitol
9/5/2008	9/5/2008	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Motorcycle Ride	Tribute to the Troops	Tribute to the Troops	State Capitol
9/6/2008	9/6/2008	11:15 AM	12:30 AM	Rally	Unity Rally	Seal America	State Capitol

Permits	Issued:	Police	Department

Start Date	End Date	Start Time	End Time	Type of Event	Organization Name
8/26/2008	9/6/2008	8:00 AM	9:00 PM	Block Party	Daily Show
8/30/2008	8/30/2008	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	March / Parade	Norml MN
8/31/2008	8/31/2008	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	March / Parade	Red Wing Vets for Peace
8/31/2008	8/31/2008	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	March / Parade	Shalom International
8/31/2008	8/31/2008	2:00 PM	10:00 PM	Block Party	Black Dog Café
9/1/2008	9/1/2008	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	March / Parade	Iraq Vets Against the War
9/1/2008	9/1/2008	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	March / Parade	Coalition to March - RNC
9/2/2008	9/2/2008	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Vehicle Parade	The American Driver
9/2/2008	9/2/2008	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	March / Parade	Somali Union
9/2/2008	9/2/2008	2:00 PM	7:00 PM	March / Parade	PPEHRC
9/2/2008	9/2/2008	2:00 PM	10:00 PM	Block Party	Black Dog Café
9/3/2008	9/3/2008	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	March / Parade	Scholars for 911 Truth
9/3/2008	9/3/2008	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	March / Parade	HillaryNow
9/4/2008	9/4/2008	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	March / Parade	Anti-War Committee
9/4/2008	9/4/2008	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	March / Parade	Youth Against War & Racism

Not what you're looking for? The open forum schedule in the Public Viewing Area of Downtown can be found here.

Permit Overview & Application Information

Permit applications to use space, pavilions, and boat slips in Saint Paul 's parks system for parties and gatherings of 25 or more people during the Republican National Convention Aug. 30 to Sept. 4 are now available online and from the Saint Paul Parks & Recreation Permit Office, 1100 Hamline Ave. North. In addition, permit applications for demonstrations during the same period are also available online and through the Saint Paul Police Community Services Office, 1169 Rice Street.

A limited number of Parks have been held for security purposes and convention activities, but the vast majority of Saint Paul Parks are available for permits. The City of Saint Paul Division of Parks and Recreation manages over 160 parks and open spaces, the Como Park Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, 41 recreation centers, a 9 hole and three 18 hole golf courses, over 100

miles of trails, indoor and outdoor pools, a public beach, sports and aquatics facilities, and wonderful rental facilities for public and private gatherings.

Park use permits for dates during the RNC convention were issued based on an public lottery drawing on March 3, 2008. Based on park availability, permit applications received at this time are considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Demonstration permit applications will be accepted starting March 3, at which time applications received through the mail also will be opened. Community Services Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications will be reviewed and decisions made in a timely manner. However, if there are more questions or clarification is needed, the application approval can be delayed until the information is gathered.

More information on the city's rules regarding demonstration permits can be found in the <u>City Charter and Codes</u> section on the city's website. Reference <u>Chapter 366A</u>, which describes the procedures for applications as well as the rules, regulations, and fees.

Forms

Parks & Recreation Department

- 2008 Picnic Reservation Rates and Information (for groups up to 999 people)
- 2008 RNC Harriet Island Public Dock Request for Dock Space (for 08/30/08 09/04/08)
- 2008 RNC Park Permit Application for Public Gathering of 25 or More (for 08/30/08 09/04/08)

Police Department

· Permit Application for Parades, Races and Public Assemblies

Rules and Regulations

- Guidelines for Use of Park Space during the 2008 Republican National Convention
- Regulations Governing Reserved Use of Park Space
- City Legislative Code Chapter 366A: Parades, Races and Public Assemblies
- 8-30/31-08 and 9-2/4-08 Parade Guidelines
- 9-1-08 through 9-4-08 Public Assembly Guidelines

FAQs

FAQs are available for download.

Maps

Authorized Parade Route

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